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II.   Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-35 are currently pending. No amendments are provided to the claims, but the following listing and version of the claims are provided for the Examiner's convenience.

1.   (previously presented) A computer-implemented method for processing lottery sales data, comprising the steps of:

receiving from a user a query of data representing lottery ticket sales for a plurality of lottery retailers based on at least one criterion from a predetermined list of criteria;

in response to said query, providing a table for display by a computer, said table containing a listing of a subset of lottery retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers that meet said at least one criterion, said table further containing data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers;

calculating values of an index for lottery retailers in said subset, said index representing a normalized comparison of sales performance of each of the lottery retailers in said subset relative to said subset of retailers; and

providing said values for display by said computer to said user.

2.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving step includes the steps of:

displaying a table with said computer, said table containing a listing of the plurality of lottery retailers and data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said plurality of lottery retailers; and

displaying query prompts along with said table for selecting said at least one criterion for said query.

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3.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said query includes multiple conditions.

4.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said values are displayed in said table.

5.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein only data corresponding to the subset of the lottery retailers that satisfy the query are included in the displayed table.

6.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers represent total sales of said subset, average transaction value of said subset or both.

7.   (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said sales data representing total sales represent total sales by time period, by lottery game or by combination thereof, said method further comprising the step of providing said sales data representing said total sales for display to said user by said computer in a display selected from the group consisting of a pie chart and a graph.

8.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically generating and displaying a summary report of said data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers.

9.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a modification to the query input by the user; and

dynamically redisplaying said table in accordance with said modification.

10.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data are accessed by a second computer, and the first computer used by the user is connected to the second computer by way of the Internet.

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11.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

displaying with said computer a map indicating a location of a retailer selected by said user from said subset of retailers, said retailer being displayed in a selectable format in said table.

12.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

displaying with said computer a graphical presentation of sales data specific to a retailer selected by said user from said subset of retailers.

13.   (previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection of at least one criterion from a predetermined set of criteria for displaying said graphical presentation; and

displaying said graphical presentation according to said at least one criterion selected by said user.

14.   (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said at least one criterion for displaying said graphical presentation includes game type or time period or both.

15.   (previously presented) A computer readable medium encoded with computer program code, wherein when the computer program code is executed by a processor, the processor performs a computer implemented method for processing lottery sales data, comprising the steps of:

receiving from a user of a computer a query of data representing lottery ticket sales for a plurality of lottery retailers based on at least one criterion from a predetermined list of criteria;

in response to said query, providing a table for display by a computer, said table containing a listing of a subset of lottery retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers that meet

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said at least one criterion, said table further containing data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers;

calculating values of an index for lottery retailers in said subset, said index representing a normalized comparison of sales performance of each of the lottery retailers in said subset relative to said subset of retailers; and

providing said values for display by said computer to said user.

16.   (previously presented) A computer implemented system for processing lottery sales data, comprising:

means for searching data representing lottery ticket sales for a plurality of lottery retailers based on a query received from a user of a computer representing at least one criterion from a predetermined list of criteria;

means for providing a table for display by a computer, said table containing a listing of a subset of lottery retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers that meet said at least one criterion, said table further containing data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers;

means for calculating a values of an index for lottery retailers in said subset, said index representing a normalized comparison of sales performance of each of the lottery retailers in said subset relative to said subset of retailers; and

means for providing said values to said user.

17.   (previously presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

means for providing a second table for display by said computer, said second table containing a listing of the plurality of lottery retailers and data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said plurality of lottery retailers; and

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means for providing query prompts for display along with said second table for selecting said at least one criterion for said query.

18.   (original) The system of claim 16, wherein said query includes multiple conditions.

19.   (previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein said values are displayed in said table.

20.   (original) The system of claim 16, wherein only data corresponding to the subset of the lottery retailers that satisfy the query are included in the displayed table.

21.   (original) The system of claim 16, wherein said data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers represent total sales of said subset, average transaction value of said subset or both.

22.   (previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein said sales data representing total sales represent total sales by time period, by lottery game or by combination thereof, said system further comprising means for providing said sales data representing said total sales for display to said user by said computer in a pie chart or a graph.

23.   (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for automatically generating and displaying a summary report of said data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers.

24.   (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

means for receiving a modification to the query input by the user; and

means for dynamically redisplaying said table in accordance with said modification.

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25.   (previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the data are accessed by a second computer, and the first computer used by the user is connected to the second computer by way of the Internet.

26.   (previously presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for providing for display by said computer a map indicating a location of a retailer selected by said user from said subset of retailers, said retailer being displayed in a selectable format in said table for selection by said user.

27.   (previously presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

means for providing for display by said computer a graphical presentation of sales data specific to a retailer selected by said user from said subset of retailers.

28.   (previously presented) The system of claim 27, further comprising:

means for receiving from a user of said computer a selection of at least one criterion from a predetermined set of criteria for displaying said graphical presentation; and

means for providing said graphical presentation according to said at least one criterion selected by said user.

29.   (original) The system of claim 28, wherein said at least one criterion for displaying said graphical presentation includes game type or time period or both.

30.   (previously presented) A computer implemented method of processing lottery sales data, comprising the steps of:

providing a table for display by a computer, the table containing data representing lottery ticket sales for a plurality of lottery retailers, wherein said table contains values of an index that compares sales performance of each of the lottery retailers listed in said table;

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receiving from a user of the computer at least one criterion from a predetermined list of criteria for identifying a subset of retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers in said table;

calculating values of said index relative to said subset of lottery retailers; and

providing for display a modified table containing a listing of said subset of lottery retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers that meet said at least one criterion, said table further containing data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers, wherein the calculated values for said subset of lottery retailers are displayed in said table.

31.   (original) The method of claim 30, wherein only data corresponding to the subset of the lottery retailers that satisfy the query are included in the modified table.

32.   (previously presented) A computer readable medium encoded with computer program code, wherein when the computer program code is executed by a processor, the processor performs a computer implemented method for processing lottery sales data, comprising the steps of:

providing a table for display by a computer, the table containing data representing lottery ticket sales for a plurality of lottery retailers, wherein said table contains values of an index that compares sales performance of each of the lottery retailers listed in said table;

receiving from a user of the computer at least one criterion from a predetermined list of criteria for identifying a subset of retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers in said table;

calculating values of said index relative to said subset of lottery retailers; and;

providing for display a modified table containing a listing of the subset of lottery retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers that meet said at least one criterion, said table further containing data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers, wherein the calculated values for said subset of lottery retailers are displayed in said table.

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33.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein only data corresponding to the subset of the lottery retailers that satisfy the query are included in the modified table.

34.   (previously presented) A computer implemented system for processing lottery sales data, comprising:

means for providing a table for display by a computer, the table containing data representing lottery ticket sales for a plurality of lottery retailers, wherein said table contains values of an index that compares sales performance of each of the lottery retailers listed in said table;

means for receiving from a user of the computer at least one criterion from a predetermined list of criteria for identifying a subset of retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers in said table;

calculating values of said index relative to said subset of lottery retailers; and

means for providing for display a modified table containing a listing of the subset of lottery retailers from said plurality of lottery retailers that meet said at least one criterion, said table further containing data representing lottery ticket sales associated with said subset of retailers, wherein the calculated values for said subset of lottery retailers are displayed in said table.

35.   (original) The system of claim 34, wherein only data corresponding to a subset of the lottery retailers that satisfy the query are included in the modified table.